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SUBJECT: NOON PRESS BRIEFING, FEBRUARY 24

1. FOLLOWING IS EXCERPT FROM DEPARTMENT'S NOON BRIEFING  
FEBRUARY 24:

QUOTE: Q: YOU PROBABLY DON'T HAVE AN ANSWER YET, BUT  
I'D LIKE TO GET YOU STARTED ON THE QUESTION, JOHN. MR.  
BREZHNEV IN HIS LENGTHY SPEECH THIS MORNING INCLUDED A  
FEW ITEMS, INCLUDING, (1) HE SAID THAT THE SOVIET UNION  
HAD PROPOSED NOT ONLY THE CURRENT VLADIVOSTOK, BUT THAT  
FUTURE WEAPONS SUCH AS THE B-1 AND THE TRIDENT BE BANNED  
ALONG WITH THE SOVIET EQUIVALENT. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE  
SOVIET UNION HAS NEVER HAD, OR NEVER PLANS TO HAVE, BASES  
IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, AND WISHES THE UNITED STATES WOULD  
ADOPT THE SAME POLICY. I WOULD LIKE COMMENTS ON EITHER  
OR BOTH.

A: ON THE FIRST POINT, BERNIE, I DID SEE WHAT CHAIRMAN  
BREZHNEV HAD TO SAY ON THE B-1'S AND THE TRIDENT. I CAN  
SAY THAT IT IS TRUE THAT FROM TIME TO TIME THE SOVIETS  
DID MENTION THOSE TWO WEAPONS SYSTEMS--THE TRIDENT AND  
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THE B-1--TO US IN THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH US, BUT THAT IN

EXPLORING IT WITH THEM, WE FOUND IT TO BE A ONE-SIDED  
PROPOSAL INASMUCH AS THEY WERE--

Q: GO SLOWER, PLEASE.

A: --BECAUSE THEY WERE NEVER WILLING TO DISCUSS WITH US  
WHAT WEAPONS SYSTEMS, OR WHAT EQUIVALENT WEAPONS SYSTEMS  
ON THEIR SIDE, THEY WERE THINKING OF BANNING OR LIMITING.

I MIGHT NOTE THAT, IN ANY CASE, I BELIEVE THAT THE  
TRIDENT AND THE B-1 ARE COUNTED AND LIMITED UNDER THE  
VLADIVOSTOK CEILINGS.

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ON THE INDIAN BASE ANGLE?

A: NOTHING SPECIFIC, BARRY. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IN THE  
PAST THE SOVIETS--AND I AM THINKING OF FAIRLY DISTANT  
PAST, BACK WITHIN THE LAST SIX OR EIGHT YEARS, AT LEAST  
FROM TIME TO TIME--THEY PROPOSED, OR MADE PROPOSALS,  
ABOUT LEAVING THE INDIAN OCEAN FREE OF MILITARY BASES  
OF EITHER SIDE. BUT IT IS MY IMPRESSION THAT IN TRYING  
TO EXPLORE THAT WITH THEM, WE WERE NOT ABLE TO ELICIT  
THEIR FIRM IDEAS ON THE SUBJECT.

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE SPEECH, IN GENERAL,  
ON RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. OR ANY OTHER SPECIFIC--

A: NO, I DO NOT, BERNIE.

Q: DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE PROPOSAL OF A WORLD  
TREATY BANNING THE USE OF STRENGTH?

A: BANNING THE USE OF STRENGTH?

Q: YES.

A: I DO NOT HAVE ANY PARTICULAR COMMENT.

Q: ANY COMMENT ON HIS STATEMENT ON DETENTE, ON THE  
VIRTUES OF DETENTE, THAT IT WOULD REMAIN THE MAIN  
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PLANK OF SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY?

A: NO. OTHER THAN WHAT I SAID IN ANSWER TO BERNIE'S  
QUESTION AND BARRY'S QUESTION, I DO NOT HAVE ANY  
COMMENT ON EACH OF THESE POINTS, NO. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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